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SUBJ: ASYLUM REQUESTS FROM IRANIAN STUDENTS

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1. MFA'S GOODARZI, AMERICAN DIVISION CHIEF, REPLIED TO OUR INQUIRY REGARDING ASYLUM WITH FOLLOWING INFORMATION: IRAN HAS ADHERED TO THE UN CONVENTION AND PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE STATUS OF REFUGEES. ADDITIONAL INTERNAL RULES FOR THOSE RETURNING ARE BASED ON OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMED FORCES ON JULY FOUR, 1976, WHICH SAYS, INTER ALIA, EXCEPT FOR THOSE COMMITTING MURDER ABROAD, ANYONE WHO WISHES TO RETURN TO IRAN AND INDICATES AN INTENTION NOT REPEAT NOT TO COMMIT ANTI-SATE ACTS CAN RETURN TO IRAN WITHOUT FEAR OF PROSECUTION. MFA INFORMED CHARGE THAT NUMBER OF IRANIANS HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY AND ARE NOW LIVING NORMAL LIVES IN COUNTRY, NO CHARGES HAVE BEEN FILED AGAINST THOSE RETURNING UNDER THIS COMMUNIQUE.

2. MFA SAID, WITH RESPECT TO SAN FRANCISCO INCIDENT, THERE WERE NO RPT NO CHARGES PENDING WITH MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AGAINST ANYONE CONNECTED WITH THIS INCIDENT. MFA OFFERED TO RESEARCH POSSIBILITY OF CHARGES AGAINST SPECIFIC NAMES IF WE WISHED TO PROVIDE THEM.
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DOES DEPARTMENT WISH US TO PASS NAMES PROVIDED FYI ONLY IN REFTTEL?

3. GOODARZI SAID THE GOI FEELS THERE ARE NO GROUNDS FOR GRANTING ASYLUM BASED ON POINTS SET FORTH IN UN CONVENTION, TO WHICH IRAN HAS ADHERED. EMBASSY'S EXPERIENCE SUGGESTS THIS IS THE CASE. THOSE WHO

RETURNED WITHOUT INDICATING INTENT TO REFRAIN FROM
ANTI-STATE ACTIVITIES MIGHT BE SUBJECT OF INTENSIVE
INTEREST TO SECURITY SERVICES, AT LEAST DURING THEIR
INITIAL PERIOD OF RESIDENCE.

4. IN GENERAL, DISCUSSION OF PROBLEM, GOODARZI POSED
QUESTION OF WHAT LAWS, OR TREATIES, APPLIED TO THOSE
SEEKING ASYLUM IN U.S. BEFORE UN CONVENTION BECAME BASIC
LAW? WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT PROVIDING APPROPRIATE
RESPONSE TO GIVE GOODARZI.
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